

**From:** Gerald Weston  
**To:** Microsoft ATR  
**Date:** 1/3/02 9:32am  
**Subject:** MicroSoft Settlement

Its time that this thing was ended. It should never have started. This is nothing more than an example of how "bought and paid for" senators (i.e. Orin Hatch) are brought into the competitive arena to give a competitive advantage to companies that cannot succeed on their own. Market forces will find the proper balance if everybody leaves them alone. Microsoft does not have any sort of the competitive edge that IBM did with the mag-card typewriter.